

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 32-34 are pending in the application.

II. Examiner's Teleconference:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the teleconference on Friday, February 3, 2006. In the teleconference, the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 was discussed, and Applicants presented arguments (resubmitted below) on how claims 32-34 are distinguishable over the cited reference Terasawa (US 2003/0147131, hereafter Terasawa). The Examiner agreed that Terasawa does not disclose or suggest a fifth mirror (i.e., 150) that receives convergent pencil of rays, as recited in the claims.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 32-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Terasawa.

Independent claim 32 recites in part that the fifth mirror receives convergent pencil of rays. The cited reference Terasawa (2003/0147131), as relied upon in the Office Action, shows an embodiment with a fifth mirror (e.g., 150) receiving diverging pencil of rays (and not converging pencil of rays). This was acknowledged by the Examiner during the teleconference. Thus, claims 32 and its dependent claims are not anticipated by Terasawa and are believed to be distinguishable over the same.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5298.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5298.

Respectfully submitted,
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